

# 'Vauge' threat written on high school wall

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Students arriving at Duxbury High School Tuesday morning were treated to increased security after an unspecified threat was discovered on a wall at the school Monday morning.

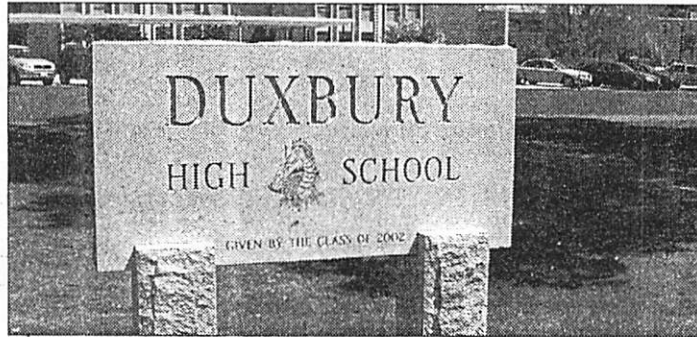
A threatening message was found early Monday morning, said Superintendent of Schools Susan Skeiber, though she declined to elaborate on exactly where the message was found.

"It was very vague, very unspecific," she said.

Because of the unspecific nature of the threat, Skeiber gathered the school's crisis response team at about 10 a.m. and contacted police, but did not close the school or send students home.

"If it were more specific we would have taken very different actions," she said, but added, "We take each one of these threats very seriously."

The Duxbury Police were contacted immediately, and Skeiber said she worked closely with Chief Mark DeLuca and School Resource Officer Friend Weiler. After school, a K9 team searched the school, she said.



Students were searched on their way into the high school Tuesday morning after a threat was found Monday, written on a wall at the high school.

On Tuesday morning, all students entered the high school through the front entrance, Skeiber said. No backpacks were allowed and students were asked to carry their belongings in a clear plastic bag. Students were also subject to random searches and hand-held metal detectors were employed.

Skeiber was happy with her staff's response to the cri-

sis. She said two threats at the middle school in recent years were handled in similar fashion.

The district's Connect-Ed system was used twice Monday, once to inform the families of high school students of the situation, and a second round brought all other parents in the district up to speed.

"I think it went very smoothly," Skeiber said.